

House Concurrent Resolution 105 - Introduced

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

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1 A Concurrent Resolution designating May 2010 as
2 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of
4 recreation and transportation for thousands of people
5 across Iowa and the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding can be an enjoyable
7 activity when safety is of paramount consideration and
8 all laws and regulations are observed; and

9 WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle
10 requires the use of special skills developed through a
11 combination of training and experience, the use of good
12 judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and
13 licensing requirements; and

14 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
15 is intended to reduce the number of accidents,
16 injuries, and fatalities associated with motorcycling
17 by encouraging motorcycle operators to participate in
18 rider education programs, wear proper apparel, not
19 drink and ride, and operate their vehicles defensively
20 according to the rules of the road; and

21 WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs,
22 dealerships, and groups and highway safety officials in
23 our state should join Iowa motorcyclists in actively
24 promoting safe motorcycle operation, increased rider

25 training, improved licensing efforts, and motorist
26 awareness of motorcycles; and

27 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
28 encourages operators of other motor vehicles to be
1 cautious and observe these smaller vehicles, especially
2 during the seasonal return of motorcycles to Iowa's
3 streets and highways; and

4 WHEREAS, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of
5 the privileges of any vehicle on the roadway, so a
6 motorcyclist should be allowed the use of a full lane
7 of travel; and

8 WHEREAS, other motorists need to take a second look
9 for motorcycles on the highway, at intersections, and
10 when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes or making a
11 left turn; and

12 WHEREAS, other motorists should clearly signal their
13 intentions, not follow motorcycles too closely, and
14 allow enough room for motorcyclists to take evasive
15 action by allowing plenty of space; and

16 WHEREAS, obstructions that other motorists might
17 ignore, such as debris and potholes, can be deadly
18 for a motorcyclist, so other motorists should learn
19 to predict when a motorcyclist might take evasive
20 action; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
22 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly designates
23 the month of May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness
24 Month and encourages all Iowa motorists to strive to
25 improve motorcycle safety in this state.